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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shunpei YAMAZAKI

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For: Thermal Treatment Equipment And Method
For Heat-Treating

Examiner: A. Ghyka

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ELECTION AND AMENDMENT B

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of July 20, 2004, Applicant elects to prosecute Group II: Claims 28-36 in the above-identified application.

Applicant is making this election and withdrawing the non-elected claims without prejudice to later filing a divisional application on the non-elected claims.

Please also amend the above-identified application as follows: